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Mourning Garment:

*Worne beere by plaine Shepheards, in me-
morie of their sacred Mistresse, ELIZABETH;
Queene of Vertue while she liued, and Theame
of Sorrow being dead.*

To the which is added the true manner of her
Emperiall Funerall. With many new additions, being
now againe the second time reprinted, which was
*omitted in the first Im-
pression.*

*After which followeth the Shepheards
Spring-Song, for entertainment of King
JAMES our most potent
Souveraigne.*

Dedicated to all that loued the deceased
Queene, and honour the liuing
KING.



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To all true Louers of the right gracious Queene *Elizabeth*, in her life ; being vn- doubtedly those faithfull Subiects that now honour and affect our most potent Lord, King *James*, after her death.



MY Epistle to you, is like the litle Towne that the Cynicke would haue perswaded the Citizens was readie to runne out at the great gares, being scarce so long as the Title. In a word, the negligence of many better able, hath made me bold to write a small Epitomic, touching the abundant vertues of *Elizabeth* our late sacred Mistris. Intreating of her Princely birth, chaste life, royall gouernment, and happie death; being a Lady borne, lining, raigning, dying, all for Englands good. The manner is handled between Shep-
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heards, the forme of speech like the persons,
rude: Affection exceedeth Eloquence, and I
haue not shewne much Art; but exprest the du-
tie of a louing hart: Shead some teares in rea-
ding our Shepheards sorrow; and in that true
passion, let your loue to our royall Lord be
shewne: who hateth hypocrites, as iust men hell.
Farewell all of you, that giue the dead Queene
a sad Farewell, and the liuing King, a glad Wel-
come; the rest are Time-pleasers, and I write
not to them.

Falucem fuisse infaustum.





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*Worne by plaine Shepheardes, for the
death of that most excellent Empresse Elizabeth,
Queene of Vertue, while she liued; and Theame
of Sorrow being dead.*

THENOT. COLLIN.

Thenot.

Collin, thou lookst as lagging as the day,
When the Sun setting toward his westerne bed,
Shewes, that like him, all glory must decay,
And frolique life with murkie clouds o're-spread
Shall leane all earthly beautie mongst the dead;
Such is the habite of thy new aray:
Why art thou not preparde to welcome May,
In whose cleare Moone thy younglings shall be fed,
With nights sweete dewes, and open flowers of day?

Collin.

I answer thee with woe and wel away,
I am in sable clad, sith she cannot be had
That me and mine did glad;
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*Well spoken Swaine, let me thy sorrow ken,
Rich soule, though wrong'd by idle Antike men,
And drinen by falshood to a cloudie den,
Tell me thy grieve.*

Collin.

*O it is past releefe; and which is worst of worst,
Bayards and beasts accurst, with grossest flattery nurst:
Haue sung her sacred name, and prais'd her to their shame,
Of mayden Queenes who was our last and first.*

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*Deere Collin, doe not checke the humblest song,
The will is euer maister of the worke:
Those that can sing, haue done all Shepheards wrong,
Like Lozels in their cottages to lurke:
The ayre's the ayre, though it be thicke and murke,
If they to whom true Pastorals belong,
In needefull layes, vse neither pipe nor tong,*

Shall none the vertuous raise?

Collin.

*Yes those that merit Bayes though teares restraints their layes,
Some weeping houres or dayes,*

will finde a time,

*To honour Honour still, not with a rurall quill,
But with the soule of skill,*

to blesse their rime.

*Aye me! why should I dote, on rimes, on songs, or note,
Confusion can best quote,*

sacred Elizaes losse,

*Whose praise doth grace all verse, that shal the same reherse,
No gold neede decke her herse;*

to her all gold is dresse.

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With that, *Collin* in discontent, brake his pipe, and in that passion, as if his heart had beene like his pipe, parted each peece from the other, hee fell without sense on the earth, nor then insensible of his sorrowe; for it yeelded, wept, and groand at once, with his fall, his weepings and his sighs. Poore *Th.* shewted for help; at whose call came some Nymphs full of sorrow for their Soueraigne; and no whit amazed to see him lie as dead, their hearts were so dead, with thinking of that which had astonied him. But yet, as gathering of companies draw more & more to wonder, so prooued it among the Shepheards, that left none but their curres to attend their flockes, themselues flocking about *Thenot* & *Collin*, who now recovered from his trance, and all asking the reason of his grieffe, with teares abounding in his eyes, that likewise drew more abundantly from theirs, he distractedly answered,

Illum nec enim reprehendere fas est,

Qui sleat hanc, cuius fregerunt stamina parca,

Solus honor sequitur mortales ille misellos.

And therewithall making a signe for the Shepheards and Nymphs to sit downe, he told them, they had lost that sacred Nymph, that carefull Shepheardesse *ELIZA*, but if it pleased them to lend attention, he would repeate something of her, worth memorie, that should liue in despite of death: whereupon a still silence seizd them all, sauing only now and then, by sighing they exprest their hearts sorrow: and *Collin* thus began.

Seeing Honor onely followeth mortals, and the works of the vertuous die not with their deaths, and yet those workes neuerthelesse with the honours and rites due to the departed, might be much blemished, if there were no gratitude in their successors: let vs poore Rurals (though no other wayes able to erect Statues for our late dread Soueraigne

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raigne worthy all memory) among our selues reapeate part of her excellent Graces, and our benefite obtained by her Government: for, to reckon all, were *Opus infinitum*, a labour without end.

She was the vndoubted issue of two royall Princes, *Henry* of *Launcester*, and *Elizabeth* of *Yorke*. In whose vnion the quiet of vs poore Swaines began: for till that blessed marriage, *England* was a shambles of slaughtered men: so violent was the blood of ambition, so potent the factions, and so implacable their heads; whose eyes were neuer cleard till they were washt in blood, euen in the deare blood of their Obiects hearts. This King, Grandfather to our late Queene, was the first Brittiſh King, that manie a hundred yeeres before wore the Emperiall Diademe of *England*, *France*, & *Ireland*: in him began the name of *Tewther*, descended from the ancient Brittiſh King, to flourish; the issue male of royal *Plantagenet* ending in his beginning: his wife Grandmother to our late *Elizabeth*, being the last *Plantagenet*, whose Temples were heere circled with a sphere of gold. Which King and Queene liued and loued, and now lie intoombed in that most famous Chappell, built at his Kingly charge in the Abbey of *Westminster*: King *Henry* dying in a good age, left *England*, rich, beautifull, and full of peace; and so blest with his issue, after royally marcht to *Scotland* & *France*, besides his vndoubted heire King *Henry* of famous memory the eight; that no Kingdome in the earth more flourished.

His sonne, the Father of our *Elizabeth*, was to his Enemies dreadfull, to his friends gracious, vnder whose Ensigne the Emperour himselfe seru'd: so potent a Prince he was: besides, so liberall and bounteous, that he seemed like the Sunne in his Meridian, to shewre downe gold round about the Horizon: But hee died too, and left vs three Princely

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Princely hopes; all which haue seuerally succeeded other, royallie maintaining the right of *England*, and resisted with power all forraigne wrong.

For King *Edward* our late Soueraignes Brother, though he died young in yeeres, lest instance hee was no Infant in vertues; his learning, towardnes, and zeale, was thought fitter for the Societie of Angels than men; with whom no doubt his spirit liues eternally.

Such assurance haue wee of the happines of that royall, gracious and worthy Ladie *Mary* his eldest sister: who in her death exprest the care of her Kingdomes, so much lamenting one Townes losse, that she told her attendant Ladies, if they would rip her heart when shee was dead, they should finde *Callice* written in it. O *Thenot*, with all you other Nymphs and Swaines (setting by her affection to Papall religion, wherein shee was borne and liued) learne by this worthy Queene, the care of Soueraignes, how heart-sick they are for their subiects losse; and think what felicity wee poore wormes liue in, that haue such royall Patrons, who cark for our peace, that we may quietly eate the bread of our owne labour, and tend our flocks in safetie, asking of vs nothing but feare and duty, which humanity allowes, and heauen commaunds.

With this *Thenot* interrupted *Collin*, telling him, there were a number of true shepheards misliked that Princes life, and ioyed greatly at her death: withall, beginning to shew some reasons, but *Collin* quickly interrupted him in these words.

Peace Thenot, peace, Princes are sacred things,

It fits not Swaines to thinke amisse of Kings.

For, saith he, the faults of Rulers (if any be faultie) are to be reprehended by them that can amend them, and seeing none is superiour to a King but God, to him alone referre

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their actions . And where thou termest them true shepherds that so enuied that Ladies government, thou art deceived: for the true shepherds indeede, that suffered in her time by the malice of Romish Prelates, prayed hartily for her euen in the fire, and taught the people to obey her government: but such as rayld at her, are still as they then were, proud phanatike spirited counterfaites, expert in nothing but ignorance, such as hate all rule, for who resisteth correction more than fooles, though they deserue it most? Beleene mee *Thenot*, and all you well affected Swaines, there is no greater marke for a true shepherd to be knowne by, than Humilitie, which, God hee knowes, these mad men most want: too much experience haue wee of their threed-bare pride, who bite the dead, as liuing Curres may Lyons: not contented with their scandals of that Royal Lady, our late Soueraignes Sister, but they haue troubled the cleare springs of our Mistresse *Elizabeths* blessed government: nay, my selfe haue seene and heard with glowing eares some of them, euen in the fields of *Calydon*, when his Excellence, that is now our Emperiall shepherd, was onely Lord of their foldes, speake of his Maiestie more audaciousslie & malapertly, than any of vs would doe of the meanest officer. For as I said euen now, if Rulers chance to slip: it is most vn-sufferable, that euery impudent rayler should with the breath of his mouth stirre the chaffie multitude, whose eares itch for nouelties, whose mindes are as their numbers, diuers: not able to iudge themselues, much lesse their Soueraignes. But they ought, if they be true Pastors, to follow the great *Pan* the Father of all good shepherds Christ, who teacheth euery of his Swaines to tell his brother priuatly of his fault, and againe, and againe: by that glorious number, three, including numbers numberlesse, before it be tolde the Church. If
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then they must, being true shepheards, deale so with their brethren, how much more ought their followers doe to their Soueraignes, being Kings and Queenes? And not in the place where sacred and morall manners should be taught, contrarily to teach the rude, to be more vnman-nerly, instructing euery Punic to compare with the most reuerend Prelate, and that by that example to haue euerie Cobler account himselfe a King.

Oh said *Thenot*, *Collin*, there are some would ill thinke of you, should they heare you thus talke, for they reprocue all out of zeale, and must spare none.

Peace to thy thoughts *Thenot*, answered *Collin*, I know thou knowest there is a zeale, that is not with knowledge acquainted, but let them and their mad zeale passe, let vs forget their raylings against Princes: And beginne with her beginning, after her Royall Sisters ending, who departing from this earthly Kingdome the seuateenth of Nouember, in the yeere of our Lord 1558. immediatlie thereupon, *Elizabeth* the hand-maide to the Lord of Hea-uen, and Empresse of all Maides, Mothers, Youth, and men, then liuing in this English Earth, was proclaimed Queene with generall applause; being much pittied, for that busie slander and respectlesse enuie had not long be-fore brought her into the disfaueur of her Royall Sister *Mary*, whom wee last remembred: In the continuance of whose displeasure, stil stil made greater by some great E-nemies: how she scapt, needes no repeating, being so wel knowne. Preserued thee was from the violence of death, her blood was precious in the sight of GOD; as is the blood of all his Saints: it was too deere to be poured out like water on the greedy earth; she liued, and wee haue li-ued vnder her fortie and odde yeeres so wonderfully blest, that all Nations haue wondred at their owne afflictions

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and our prosperity: and shee died as shee liued with vs, still careful of our peace; finishing euen then the greatest wonder of all (our deserts considered) by appointing the Kingdom to so iust and lawfull a Ruler to succcede her: whom all true English knew for their vndoubted Lord, immediately after her death. But least wee end ere we begin, I will returne to her: who being seated in the Throne of Maiesie, adorned with all the vertues daime and morall, appeared to vs like a goodly Pallace where the Graces kept their feuerall Mansions.

First, faith abundantly shone in her then young, & lost not her brightnes in her age, for shee beleued in her Redeemer, her trust was in the King of Kings, who preserved her as the Apple of his eye, from all treacherous attempts, as many being made against her life, as against any Princessse that euer liued: yet she was stil confident in her Saviour, whose name shee glorified in all her actions, confessing her victories; preferuings, dignities, to be all his, as appeared by many luculent examples, this one seruing for the rest, that after the dissipation of the Spanish Armato accounted inuincible, shee came in person to *Paules crosse*, and there, among the meanest of her people, confessed, *Non nobis Domine, non nobis; sed nomini tuo Gloria*. And as she was euer constant in cherishing that faith wherein shee was from her infancie nourisht, so was shee faithfull of her word, with her people, and with forraine Nations. And albeit I know some (too humorously affected to the Romane gouernment) make a quest. on in this place, whether her highnesse first brake not the truce with the King of *Spaine*: to that I could answer, were it pertinent to me in this place; or for a poore shepheard to talk of state, with vnreprooeable truths, that her highnes suffered many wrongs before shee left off the league.

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O faith *Themet*, in some of those wrongs resolute vs, and thinke it no vnfitting thing; for thee hast heard the songs of that warlike Poet *Philisides*, good *Melibæe*, and smooth tongued *Melicert*; tell vs what thou hast obserued in their sawes, seene in thy owne experience, and heard of vndoubted truthe touching those accidents: for that they adde, I doubt not, to the glory of our *Eliza*.

To this entreatie *Collin* condescended, and thus spake. It is not vnknowne the Spaniard a mighty Nation, abounding with treasure, being warres sinewes, torne from the bowels of Mines, fetcht from the sands of Indian Riuer, by the miserable captiued Natiues, haue purposed to be Lords of *Europe*. *France* they haue attempted and failed in, *Nauarre* they haue greatly distrest, *Lumbardy* the garden of the world, they are possessed of: *Naples* and *Sicilie*, *Sardinia*, *Corfica*, are forced to obey their lawes, and that they reckoned *England* should be theirs, with such small ease, euen in a manner with threatening: their songs taught little Infants from *Andolozia* to *Galizia* are witnes. The dice were cast: her Maiesties subiects craftily put into the Inquisition vpon euery sinall colour: if they scaped, which seldome sorted out so wel, aliue, they could of their goods haue no restitution. Their King gaue pensions to our Queenes Rebellious fugitiue subiects, & not only to such, that in regard of their Religion fled the land, but vnto such as had attempted to resist her in actiue rebellion: and yet not staying there, out of his treasure proposed rewards for sundry to attempt the murder of her sacred person: of which perfidious guilt she neuer was tainted: let any Spaniard, or Spanish affected English, proue where she euer hired, abetted, or procured any such against their Kings Maiestie, and I wilyeeld to be esteemed as false as falshood it selfe: nay, they cannot deny, but that euen with the Rebels

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of her Realme of Ireland, stird vp to barbarous and inhumane outrages by the Spanish policie, shee hath no way dealt but by by faire and laudable warre.

But before I enter into her Maiesties lenitie in that Irish warre, against sundry knowne Rebels, and punishing some of her subiects, that vpon zeale to her, or perchance, to get themselves a glorie, aduentured their owne liues by treacherie to cut off the liues of some great Leaders of the Rebels, I will a little digresse, least I should be thought, after her death, to maintain the fire of hate, which I euer in heart desired might honorably be quencht, betweene these potent kingdomes of England and Spaine.

I wish all that reade this, to bury old wrongs, & to pray that it would please God of his inestimable mercie, to roote out all malice from Christian Nations: and as our Royall Soueraigne now raigning, hath conserued league and peace with all Princes, so, for the weale of Christendome, it may more and more increase, that the open enemies of Christ may the better be repelled from those wealthy Kingdomes in the East, where they haue manie hundred yeeres most barbarously tyrannized: for no man doubts, but the blood shed within these thirtie yeeres, as well of English, as Scottish, Spanish, Dutch, and Portugall, in the quarrell of Religion, might, if GOD had so beene pleased, beene able, to haue driuen the heathen Monarch from his neereft holde in *Hungaria*, to the fall of *Danubia* in the *Euxine* Sea, especiallie with the assistance of the French that haue cruelly false, either vpon others swordes.

But I trust God hath suffered this offence, to adde more glory to our mighty King, that hee should be the most famous of all his predecessours: as indeede hee is the most mighty, and hath beene raised to this Realme as a Saviour,

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to deliuer *England*, & make it more abundant in blessings, when many lookt it should haue had all her glory swallowed vp of spoile.

The highnesse of his Emperiall place, greatnesse of his blood, mightinesse of his alliance, but most, his constancie in the true profession of Religion, euen amid my sorrowes, *Thenot*, fill me with ioyes: when I consider how a number that gaped for our destruction, haue their mouths shut close, yet emptie where they thought to eate the sweetes of our painefull sweate: but God be praised, as I saide before, her Highnesse that ruled vs many yeeres in peace, lest vs, in her death, more secure, by committing vs to our lawfull Prince, matcht to a royal fruitfull Lady, that hath borne him such hopefull issue, that the dayes we lately feared, I trust are as farre off, as this instant is, from the end of all earthly times: who shal not only with their royall Father, maintaine these his Kingdomes in happy peace, but subiect more vnder him, and spread the banners of Christ in the face of misbeleeuers.

In this hope I heere breake off, and returne to our late Soueraignes care of keeping Faith, euen toward her Rebell subiects, which I wil manifest in some two or three examples of the Irish.

When the *Oneale*, in the time of that memorable Gentleman Sir *Henry Sidney* his Deputie-ship of *Ireland*, was mightily strengthened in his Country, and so potent, that the Deputie had many dangerous skirmishes against him; A seruant of her Maiesties, one *Smith*, thinking to doe a worthy peece of seruice, by poysoning the *Oneale*, prepared a litle bottle, parted in the middelt; one side containing good wine, the other with tempered poyson of the same colour, and that he carries to the *Oneale*, vnder colour of gratification

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tification for that his armie lay farre from the Sea, or Marchantable Townes, and hee thought Wine was vnto him very dainty: which the *Oneale* accepted kindly, for that the said *Smith* was borne in the *Oneales* Countrey: and such the Irish doe especially, and before others, trust, to bring messages euen from their greatest enemies, vnder whom they serue. But the deceit being quickly spide, *Smith* was by the *Oneale* sent bound to the Deputie, to whose plot he would faine haue imputed the same practise: but contrariwise, the Deputie publicly punished the said *Smith*, and her Maiestie refus'd him for her seruant; saying, shee would keepe none neere her that would deale treacherously, no though it were against traytors.

The like example was showne on an other, that would haue attempted the poysoning of *Rory Og*, a bloody and dangerous Rebell.

To which may be added, that her Highnesse among other trespasses, objected by her Attorney against a conuicted Deputie: was, that hee went about by poyson to haue tooke away the life of *Feff Mac Hue*, a Rebelle more immane and barbarous than any of the other two: the Lord chiefe Iustice of the Common Pleas (yet liuing) opening at the same time, how iust a spirit her Maiestie was possessed with, that she hated treason, euen to traytors: much more then to annointed Kings, whose honours and reputations, shee so maintained, that shee not long since punished by fine and imprisonment, a wealthy rayler, for vnreuerent words spoken against the person of King *Philip*, her open and professed enemy: So faithfull, so iust, so gracious was she.

And to make it more plaine, that *Spaine* intended England the first wrong, long time before it was muttered; but after that memorable battaile of *Lepanto*, where-
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in *Don Iohn* of *Austria* obtained the tryumphant Christian victorie against the Turkes; to reward him, England was the Kingdome set downe, being then in her Maiesties possession: but hee had it, when they could giue him it that promised the same, which was at latter *Lammas*. And I trust his Neece shal haue as good successe, with her pretended title. For if God strengthened her Maiestie so, that against her, being a woman, they could not preuaile, we trust his Almightinesse will be as carefull of our King, being alreadye Lord of three such people as haue seldome beene equalled in battel, except they haue vnnaturally contended among themselves: the sight of which day, deere shepheards, let vs pray neuer againe to see. Besides, to expresse her farther intent: to preserue faith and league, notwithstanding infinite of open wrongs: and certaine knowledge that a Nauie for inuasion of this Realme had been preparing more than fifteene yeere; yet did she beare, vntill against all law of Nations, the Ambassadør lieder of *Spaine*, honoured with many fauours, did notwithstanding plot and confeder with native traitors of this land; and the matter being apparantly proued; hee was by her milde sufferance admitted to depart the Realme, without any violence: to his perpetuall reproch, and her neuer-dying glorie. Well, I will heere conclude touching this vertue of faith both toward God and man: shee was as firme in the one as mortalitie could be; and in the other approoued glorious among all the Princes of her time.

For Hope, the second diuine vertue, shee rather therein abounded, than was any way wanting; for her Hope was no way wandring: shee beleeued, and it

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came to passe; her enemies arise, but before their arising, shee was certaine to see them fall; shee hauing by example of things past, nothing doubted of things to come. And she was not deceiued till the houre of her death. For euer her expectation was fulfilled; she kept peace within, chased the spoyler without; and euen as it is sung of *Epaminondas* that valiant Theban Captaine, in his last victorious battaile, wherein yet death of him got victorie, he thus gloried: Herein am I comforted, that I dye a conquerour. For euen when death laide his last siege to her yet vnnanquished life, *Tyrone*, the long disturber of her State, besought by agents mercie at her feete. O Nymphs and Shepheards, doubt not she was full of diuine Hope, whose heart obtained euer the thing it faithfully desired; and that her desires were all of faith, I could adde infinite examples to these alreadie alleadged: but that it is needelesse to cast water in the Sea, or to make question of that all men knowe, and will confesse, except some whose hearts are straungers from *Truth*, and the professed Receptacles of falsehood.

Her Charitie the third and principall diuine Grace to the eye of mortals: (for that Faith and Hope bend principally their service to Heauen, and Charities effects are manifested on earth) hath beene extended ouer all her Realmes, and stretched to the comfort of her oppressed neighbours. The multitudes of poore daily releued from her purse, the numbers of sicke persons yeerely visited, and by her owne hand their corrupt sores toucht, the washing of poore womens feete, and releeuing their wants, was a signe that shee was humble, as well as charitable: for Humilitie is
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Charities sister ; they are two twins born at one time, and as they are borne together in any soule whateuer, so do they liue and die together : the humble spirit being euer charitable, and the charitable euer humble : for it is as impossible to haue a proud man charitable, as to reconcile fire and water ; or to make accord betweene any contraries. As she was in these particulars, exceeding all Ladies of her time, giuen to this helpfull vertue, so had she generall impositions through all her kingdome, for her wellable subiects to followe her example : and so much did her example preuaile, that besides the ordinarie and weekely almes distributed through the Realme, there haue beene more particular Almes-houses builded for the reliefe of the aged, then in anie sixe Princes Raignes before. And as all parts of England haue in this imitation bin very forward, so hath the Citie of London exceeded all ; wherein diuers priuate men haue builded sundrie houses for the poore, and allowed them pensions : but the Corporations haue beene most bountifull, as most able : and among all, the right Worshipfull the Merchant-Tailors haue exceeded the rest : all haue done well that haue done anie thing, but they best of any other, as I will one day in a song of liberall Shepheards thankfully expresse : though for my selfe I knowe him not in the least gift to whom I am in that sort bounde, but I ken not *Thenot*, how I may, for there is none liuing but may lack. As the City, so many knights, Gentlemen, honorable and deuout persons haue followed her example : aboue the rest, an honorable, carefull, reuerend and learned watchman, as full of mildnesse & pietie, as he is of yeares and griefes for his good and royall Mistresse losse ; at *Croiden* hath builded a wor-

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this Receptacle to the like charitable end.

As for the poore and decrepit with age, her Royall Maiestie had this charitable care; so for souldiers, and suters, she was very prouident. The last being oppressed in any part of her Realmes by men of much wealth and little conscience, shee allowd them counsell and proceedings in *Forma pauperis*, and maintenance weekly in the Termes, for some part of their succour: if any were delayd and abused, it was vtterly against her will. For souldiers, and men of seruice, her decrees of prouision are extant: besides, it is most cleare, no Prince in the world, to land, or Sea-men, was more bountifull, or at least willing, than her Highnesse: out of her Coffers it went; but there is an olde Prouerbe *Thenot*, carriage is deere: and I haue heard, but I will stand to nothing; base Ministers, and vnder-officers, curtall the liberalities of grèat and potent Maisters. Some haue in her time beene taken with the manner, and, besides bodily punishment and fines, displaced: as I will remember, and cannot omit amid my griefe to tell, though somewhat from this subiect it dissent, being of a fellow too meane, how her Highnesse in one of her Progresses, walking in the Garden of a house where she was receiued, being somewhat neere the highway, leard on a suddaine, a market woman crie: and from an Arbour behelde one of her owne seruants, a Taker vp of prouision, vse the woman vnciuillie: whereupon the cause being examined, and the poore woman found by the same fellowe to be wrongd, as well afore as then, her Highnesse could him presently to be dischargd of her seruice and punished: yet the fault being but slight, the Taker was countenanced to make sute to be restord: and some halfe

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halfe yeere after, fell downe before her Maiestie desiring mercie, and restoring: her Highnesse pittying his distresse, commaunded him to be prouided for in some place, where he could not wrong her poore subjects, but in any case not to make him a Taker. Manie such false ones she hath punished with death, and those that haue by power, friends, or fauour scapd, let then *Zacheus* restore, least their ends be worse than their beginnings. I could in this as all the rest, reckon multitudes of examples, but I will end with her Excellence in this Act of Charitie extended to her neighbours: whom shee hath by her bountie deliuered from the tyrannie of oppression, and ayded the right of others against rebellious subjects: others assisted to recouer their Kingdomes, not sparing millions to sustaine the quarrell of the righteous. The reward of which mercy and charitie she now findes, being done for his cause: that leaueth no deed of mercy vnrecompenced.

As shee was richly stored with diuine graces; so in morall vertues, no Princeesse euer-liuing in the earth can be remembred to exceede her. Her wisdome was without question in her life by any vnequaled, shee was sententious, yet gracious in speech; So expert in Languages, that she answered most Embassadors in their Native tongues: her capacitie was therewith so apprehensiuie, and inuention so quicke, that if anie of them had gone beyond their bounds, with gracious maiestie she would haue limited them within the verge of their duties, as shee did royallie, wisely, and learnedlie, the last strutting *Poland* Messenger, that thought with stalking lookes, and swelling words to daunt her vndaunted Excellence. But as

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he came proud, he returned not without repentance; hauing no other wrong heere but the shame of his owne faultinesse.

Manie such examples I could set downe, but I will satisfie you with one more. When the Spaniards hauing their *Armathe* readie, temporisde with her Highnesse Commissioners in the low Countries, thinking to find her vnprouided: at last, when they accounted all surè, they sent her their Kings choise either of peace, or warre, wittilie included in foure Latine verses: portending, that if she would cease to defend the lowe Countries, restore the goods taken by reprisall from the Spaniards; build vp the Religious houses diuerted in her Fathers time; and let the Romane Religion bee receiued through her land; why then she might haue peace: if not, it was too late to expect any. Which proud commaunding Embassie, with royall magnanimitie, gracious wisdom, and fluent wit, she answered instantly in one knowne prouerbiall line, which she todainly made into a Verse.

Ad Gracas hec sunt mandata Kalendas.

O *Thenot*, did not assurance of our kingly Poets loue to the Muses, somewhat comfort me, I should vterly dispaire euer to heare Pastorall song againe, filld with anie conceit; seeing her Excellence, whose braine was the *Hellican* of all our best and quaine inuentions, is dried vp by the ineuitable heate of death.

Her owne iustice was such, as neuer any could truly complaine of her; neither did shee pardon faultes vnardonable, as murder, rape, Sodomie, that sin almost not to be namd: neither was there in her (with her knowlege) extremitie of iustice showne to other

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other malefactors : if any such did fall, it was either by falshood or malice of the euidence, practise of corrupt men or some other secret wherewith poore Shepherds are vnacquainted: only this we are taught: that God sometime punisheth the sins of parents on their children to many generations.

But for her selfe, she was alwaies so enclined to equity, that if she left Iustice in any part, it was in shewing pittie: as in one generall punishment for murder it appeared : whereas before time there was extraordinary torture, as hanging wilfull murtherers alieue in chaines ; shee hauing compassion like a true Shepherdnesse of their soules, though they were of her erring and vtterly infected flocke ; said their death satisfied for death : and life for life, was all could bee demanded: affirming more, that much torture distracted a dying man : in particular, she saued many. Among some vnworthy of her mercy, that proud fellow, who vniustly named himselfe Doctor *Parry*, and an other as I remember called *Patrick* an Irish man: the first hauing offended in burglary, against a lawier able & willing to take away his life, therto vrged by many misdemeanours: and for that *Parry* doubted his attempt to kill & act of felony was without compasse of pardon, considering the place where it was done, and against whom ; thought a lease of his life safest, which of her benigne mercy he obtained for 21. yeares ; but ere 3. of the were past, he did vnnaturally attempt her death that had giue him life; for which traiterous ingratitude he worthily was cut off : the Irish man likewise being pardoned for a man slaughter, proued vnthankfull, and ended as he liued shamefully. Besides, she was so inclinable to mercy, that her iust and seuerer Iudges tolde

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told her, how some desperate malefactors building on friends, and hopes of pardon, cared not for offending, but euen scoffed at authority; wherof when she heard, she tooke speciall care, considering it was as great iniustice to pity some, as spare others, taking order to signe no pardon, except the Iudges hand were at it first, which truly knew the cause why the party was condemned: by which meanes murderers, and presumptuous offenders were cut off from all hope.

One notable example of her iustice among many I wil here remember: Certaine condemned for Piracie, hauing made some end with them they wronged, lay for their liues at her mercy, and the Iudge of her Admiraltie hauing signified fauourably of the qualitie of their offence, she was moued to pittie them, and had commanded their pardon to be drawne. In the meane time two of them, trained vp in the fashion of our common Cutters, that I may tel thee (*Thenot*) swarm rather like deuils than men about the country, that sweare as if they had license to blaspheme, & stab men as if they had authority; nay, sometime themselves for very trifles: two such I say, were in the company of these condemned Pyrates, houely hoping for their liues: and brauing eithor other of their manhoode, saying, one durst more than the other: the eldest being Master of their late ship, wherein they had sailed to that place of sorrow, flyces his owne flesh with a knife, asking the other if he durst doo as much: the Younker was very readie, and two or three times followed the olde foole, in that desperate wounding of himselfe. This brutish acte being committed in the prison belonging to her Maiesties owne house, came quickly to her royall care, and some fewe dayes after, their pardon

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to be signed; who graciously gaue life to all the rest; but commanded them by expresse name to execution, saying, they were vnworthy mercie, that of themselves had none: adding, it was very likely, that such as in a prison, and in their state, would be so cruell to shead their owne blood, would haue small compassion of others whom they ouercame at sea; and so leauing them to the lawe, they were worthily executed.

Of her mercie nothing can be saide more, but that it equalled, or rather as I said before, exceeded her iustice. Among infinite numbers whom shee pardoned, that one especially being a cleare witnesse, who shot the Gunne off against *Greenwich*, euen into her Maiesties Barge, hurt the next man to her, at broade daylight; almost impossible to be excused by negligence or ignorance; for that any man hauing his peece charged, would rather vpon retyring home, haue discharged it among the Reedes, than toward the breadth of the Riuer, whose siluer brest continually bore vp a number of vessels, wherein men passed on sundrie affaires. How euer wilfull or vnwilfull the act was, done it was, and by a Iurie he was found guiltie, and adiudged to die: toward execution he was ledde, with such clamour and iniuries of the multitude, as sildome any the like hath bene seene or heard; so hainous and odious his offence appeared vnto them, that being vpon the ladder readie to be cast off, the common people had no pitie of him: when euen iust in that moment of dispaire and death, her Maiestie sent a gracious pardon, which deliuered him to all mens wonder. I want but the Arcadian Shepheards inchaunting phrase of speaking, that was many times witnesse to her iust mercies, and mercifull iustice: yet rude as I am, I haue presumed

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to handle this excellent Theame, in regard the Funerall hastens on, of that sometime most Serene Lady, and yet I see none, or at least past one or two that haue sung any thing since her departure worth the hearing; and of them, they that are best able, scarce remember her Maiestie. I cannot now forget the excellent and cunning *Collin* indeed, (for alas, I confesse my selfe too too rude,) complaining that a liberal *Mecenas* long since dying, was immediatly forgotten, euen by those that liuing most laboured to aduance his fame: and these as I thinke close part of his songs:

*Being dead no Poet seekes him to renine,
Though many Poets flattered him aliue.*

Somewhat like him, or at least to that purpose of a person more excellent, though in ruder verse I speake.

Death now hath ceaz'd her in his ycie armes,
That sometime was the Sun of our delight:
And pittilesse of any after-harmes,
Hath veyld her glory in the cloude of night.

Nor doth one Poet seek her name to raise,

That liuing hourelly stru'd to sing her praise:

He that so well could sing the fatall strife
Betweene the royall Roses White and Red,
That prais'd so oft *Eliza* in her life,

His Muse seemes now to dye, as she is dead:

Thou sweetest song-man of all English swaines,

Awake for shame, honour ensues thy paines.

But thou alone deseru'st not to be blamde,
He that sung fortie yeares her life and birth,
And is by English Albion so much famde

For sweete mixt layes of maiestie with mirth Doth

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Doth of her losse take now but little keepe;
Or else I gesse, he cannot sing, but weepe.
Neither doth *Corin* full of worth and wit,
That finisht dead *Museus* gracious song,
With grace as great, and words, and verse as fit;
Chide meager death for doing vertue wrong :
He doth not seeke with songs to deck her herse,
Nor make her name liue in his liuely verse.
Nor does our English *Horace*, whose Steele pen
Can draw Characters which will neuer die,
Till her bright glories vnto listning men,
Of her he seemes to haue no memorie.

His Muse an other path desires to tread,
True Satyres scourge the liuing, leaue the dead.
Nor doth the siluer tongued *Melicert*,
Drop from his honied Muse one sable teare
To mourne her death that graced his desert,
And to his laies open'd her Royall eare.
Shepheard remember our *Elizabeth*,
And sing her Rape, done by that *Tarquin*, Death.
No lesse do thou (sweet singer *Coridon*)
The Theame exceedeth *Edwards Isabel*.
Forget her not in *Poly-Albion*;
Make some amends, I know thou lou'dst her well.

Thinke twas a fault to haue thy Verses seene
Praising the King, ere they had mourn'd the Queen.
And thou delicious sportiue *Musidore*,
Although thou haue resign'd thy wreath of Bay,
With Cypresse binde thy temples, and deplore
Elizaes winter in a mournfull Lay :

I know thou canst : and none can better sing
Herse songs for her, and *Pleins* to our King.
Quicke *Antihorace* though I place thee heere,

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Together with yong *Malibee* thy frend :
And *Hero's* last *Musans*, all three decree,
All such whose vertues highly I commend :
 Proue not ingrate to her that many a time
 Hath stoopt her Maiestie, to grace your rime.
And thou that scarce hast fligd thy infant Muse,
(I vse thine owne word) and commend thee best,
In thy proclaiming *Iames* : the rest misvse
The name of Poetry, with lines vnblest ;
 Holding the Muses to be masculine :
 I quote no such absurditie in thine.
Thee doe I thanke for will, thy worke let passe :
But wish some of the former had first writ,
That from their Poems like reflecting glasse
(Steeld with the puritie of Art and wit)
 Eliza might haue liu'd in euery eye,
 Alwaies beheld till Time and Poems dye.
But cease you Goblins, and you vnder Elues ;
That with rude rimes and meeters reasonlesse,
Fit to be sung for such as your base selues,
Presume to name the Muses Patronesse :
 Keep your low Spheres, she hath an Angell spirit :
 The learnedst Swaine can hardly sing her merit.
Onely her brother King, the Muses trust
(Blood of her Grandfires blood, plac'd in her Throne)
Can raise her glory from the bed of dust :
To praise her worth belongs to Kings alone.
 In him shall we behold her Maiestie,
 In him her vertue liues and cannot die.

At this *Thenot* and the rest desired him to proceede in
his discourse of her vertues ; remembring where hee
left, at Iustice, and though the matter pleased them so
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well that they could endure the hearing many dayes, yet seeing the Sunne began to dye the West Sea with vermillion tincture, the pallace of the morning being hidden in sable clouds, and that the care of their flockes must be respected, requested him to be as breefe, as the time limited him.

To which *Collin* answered; *Thenot*, I perceiue thou art as all or the most part of the world is, carefull onely of thine owne: and how euer friends fall, yet profit must be respected. Well, thou dost well; and in this I dubbly praise thee: to carke for sheepe and lambes that cannot tend themselves, & not to mourne as without hope our great Shepheardesse; who after long life and glory on earth, hath obtained a longer and more glorious life in heauen. But to proceede. As she was constant in faith, stedfast in hope, cheerfull in giuing, prudent in speaking, iust in punishing, but most mercifull in pardoning: so for the third morrall Vertue Temperance, there was in no age before, a woman so exalted to earthly honour euer read off; that so long, so grationfly, in outward & domestick affaires gouerned her kingdom, familie, & person, with like moderation.

First, for her kingdome, what can be deuised more neare the meane, than she hath in all things followed? For in religion as in other things, there hath beene an extreame erring from the truth, which like all vertues, (being indeede the head of all) keepeth place in the midst; so hath shee established the true Catholicke and Apostolicall Religion in this Land, neither mingled with multitudes of idle superstitions; nor yet wanting true honour and reuerence for the Ministerie, in laudable and long receiued ceremonies.

But here I shall be carpt at, in that I call the Reli-

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gion profest in her time, true Catholike and Apostollicall : considering the Sea of *Rome* and such English onely as be her sworne Sonnes, thinke that seate all one to holde the Apostolicall faith : excluding her Maiestie, and all other Christian Princes with their subiectes, that haue not falne before that Chaire, as people woorthie to be cutte off from Christes congregation : giuing them names of Protestants, Lutherans, and I know not what. And on another side, a selected company, that would needs be counted Saints and holy ones, when there is nothing but corruption in their hearts, they forsooth condemned her sacred gouernment for Antichristian : when to the amazement of superstitious Romanes, & selfe-praising Sectuaries, God approued her faith by his loue towards her. And lest I should be taskd of ignorance, and termed a Nullifidian in defending neither of these sides: and onely of the faith that the *Colliar* profest, which was euer one with the most. I say, I was borne and brought vp in the Religion profest by that most Christian Princeesse *Elizabeth*, who beleued not that the spirite of God was bound or tyde to any one place, no more to *Rome* than *Antioch*, that the Candlesticke of any Church might be remooued, for neglecting their first loue, and teaching traditions of men, in steade of sacred veritie: and no man can truly denie but the church of *Rome* hath so taught and standeth not in her first estate, but if it were in the Primitiue Church perfectly and fully established : then hath it receiued many traditions since, which our *Elizabeth* nor any of her faithfull subiects would obay, being no way by Gods worde thervnto warranted: besides, there is apparant proofes that the church of *Rome* hath many hundred yeares
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persecuted with great cræltie : which is no badge of the true Apostolicall Church.

For the other sort : it is well knowne, they are for the most part, ignorant and mechanick people, ledde by some fewe hotte spirited fellowes, that would faine haue all alike. These tying themselues to a more strait course outwardly than other men, though they be vterly obiect to the Romanists; yet haue they more he Saints and she Saints among them than are in the Romish Kalender : where none or at least very fewe are called Saints, but holy Virgins, Martyrs, and Confessors; but all the brethren and sisters of the other side, are at the first receiuing into their communiõ, Sainted, if it be but Kit Cobler, and Kate his wife; and both hee and shee presume they haue as sufficient spirites to teach and expound the Scriptures, as either *Peter*, or *Iohn*, or *Paule*, for so bluntly they terme the blessed Apostles : but their vanitie and pride our *Elizabeth* hated, and therefore brided their waies, and was not moued with their hypocriticall fastes; because they fasted to strife and debate, as it is written by the Prophet *Esay* 58. and to smite with the fist of wickednes.

Her Highnes therefore taught all her people the vndoubted truth : faith in Christ alone, the waye, the doore, and the life : not turning either to the right hand, or to the left : and in this being the best meane, her Temperance chiefly appeared : this rule she taught her kingdome, her familie, her selfe: at least caused them to be taught by excellent Pastors, to whom humbly she gaue publike eare.

And in this, so for apparell, manners and diet, she made Lawes, and gaue example in her owne person :

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to curbe the vanitie of pride in garments : by expresse Statutes, appointing all men and women to be apparelled in their degree and calling. To expresse the excesse of drinking, and hated sinne of drunkenness, she hath commaunded no drinke in her Land to be brued aboue an easie price: & to auoyd gurmardize, she hath yearly commaunded the Lent and Fasting-daies to be kept, as in times before, not for superstition sake, but common policie, to haue Gods creatures receiued indifferently; and also to encrease Marriners for the strength of the Ile, whose numbers while fish is contemnd, by neglect of fishing mightily decay : fishers being indeed pretty trained Marriners; by reason that they haue experience in most of the Hauens, Creekes, Shoales, Flats, & other profits and daungers neare the place they vsed. But what should I say, if they that will onely make the scripture their cloake, and yet respect not this part; *Obeie the Magistrate for conscience* : their sinne fall vpon themselves. I trust the Prince is excusable, that would his subiects would do wel; and so I am certaine was her Excellence.

True said *Thenot*, but for all her Lawes, these courses were little set by, I haue seene vpstarts iette it gayer than Lords, numbers drinke till they haue seemde dead, and multitudes cate flesh euen vpon good Fryday. What remedie said *Collin* : they that will breake the Kings Lawe, make little account of Gods : such subiects are like false Ezechutors, that performe not the Legacies of the dead, her highnes was not the worse for that good Lawes were violated, they that dealt so with her, dealt worse with God: offending him double by breaking his Lawes and hers. But in her owne household and person she obserued all these rules : and though

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many abroad by corruption were winkt at, yet sometime there were some taken and paid home.

But her excellling Selfe, though her Table were the aboundantliest furnisht of any Princes in the world, with all varietie : yet fedde shee oftenest of one dish, and that not of the daintiest .For quaffing as it was vnfitting her Sexe, so shee extreamely abhord it : hating superfluitie as hell : and so farre was shee from all nicenesse, that I haue heard it credibly reported, and knowe it by many instances to be true, that shee neuer could abide to gaze in a mirrour or looking-glasse : nor not to behold one, while her head was tyred and adorned, but simply trusted to her attendant Ladies for the comelinesse of her attire : and that this is true, *Thenot* I am the rather perswaded, for that when I was yong, almost thirtie yeares agoe, courting it now and then : I haue seene the Ladies make great shift to hide away their looking-glasses if her Maiestie had past by their lodgings.

O humble Lady, how meeke a spirite hadst thou? How farre from affecting beautie, or vaine pride : when thou desiredst not to see that face, which all thy subiects longed dayly to behold, and sundry Princes came from farre to wonder at.

As in these things shee kept truely the Meane, so likewise in her gifts : as I first nored touching her Charitie, which was still so tempered (notwithstanding her great charge in aiding her distressed neighbours:) that she was euer truely liberall, and no way prodigall : as I trust his Royall Maiestie shall, by the treasure, finde.

As shee was adorned with all these vertues, so was shee indued with Fortitude and Princely courage, so plentifully, that her displeasure shooke euen her stoutest aduersaries : and those vnnaturall traytors, that came ar-

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med sundry times with bloodie resolution to lay violent hands on her sacred Maiestie, her very looks would daunt, and their instruments prepared for her death, dropt from their trembling hands with terrour of their consciences, and amazement to behold her countenance; Nay, when she knew they came of purpose to kill her, she hath singled diuerse of them alone, and let some passe from her with milde caueats a farre off: whose lenitie, rather increasing then diminishing their malice, they haue followed destruction which too timely ouertooke them.

I could in this place name many particular men, as *Parry* and others: but I will content yee with one priuate example ouerpasseing the generall; when *Appletree* whom I remembred before, had hurt her water-man, being next to her in the Barge; the French Ambassador being amazed, and all crying Treason, Treason: yet shee with an vndaunted spirite, came to the open place of the Barge, and bade them neuer feare, for if the shotte were made at her, they durst not shoote againe: such maiestie had her presence, and such boldnesse her heart, that shee despised all feare; and was as all Princes are, or should be; so full of diuine fulnesse, that guiltie mortalitie durst not behold her but with dazeled eyes.

But I wonder saith *The not*, she in so many yeares built no goodly Edifice wherein her memorie might liue.

So did shee answered *Collin*, the goodliest buildings in the earth, such as like fleeting Iles commanded the seas, whose outward wal's are dreadfull Engines of brasse, sending fearefull thunder among enemies. And the inhabitants of those woo'den Iles, are worthy Seamen, such as dread to danger, but for her would haue runne euen into destructions mouth. I tell thee *The not*, I haue seene

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in a fight some like nimble spirites hanging in the aire by little cords, some lading ordinance with deathfull powder, some charging Muskets, and discharging ruine on their enemies; some at the foreship, others busie at helme, skipping here and there like Roes in lightnesse, and Lions in courage; that it would haue powred spirite into a sicke man to see their resolutions. For such tenants made the many-buildings, exceeding any Emperours Nauy in the earth: whose seruice I doubt not will be acceptable to her most worthy Successor, our dread Soueraigne Lord and King.

Other Pallaces shee had great store of, which shee maintained and yearly repaired, at least would haue done, if those that had care of her suruaying, would haue beene as carefull for hers as for their owne.

What should I say of her? the clowdie mantle of the night, couers the beautie of the heauen: and this evening lookes like those foure days that preceeded the morning of her death. The beasts the night that she ended her fate in earth, kept an vnwonted bellowing, so that I assure thee *Thenot*, being assured of her sicknesse, I was troubled (being awakened with their cries) with imagination of her death, that I pittied not my bleating flocke, who with their innocent notes kept time with my true teares, till the houre of her death was past, when immediately a heauy sleepe shut vp the windowes of mine eyes: at which time, (as I haue since heard) deaths eternal sleep vtterly benumbed all her senses, whose soule (I doubt not) hath already entred endlesse rest, whither God will draw her glorified body in his great day. Sweete Virgine, she was borne on the Eue of that blessed Virgines Natiuitie, holy *Mary* Christs mother: shee died on the Eue of the Annunciation of the same most holy Virgin;

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ablest note of her endlesse blessednesse, and her societie in heauen with those wise Virgines, that kept Oyle euer in their Lampes, to awayte the Bridegroom. Shee came vnto the Crowne after her Royall sisters death, like a fresh Spring euen in the beginning of Winter, and brought vs comforte, as the cleare Sunne doeth to storme-dressed Marriners, shee left the Crowne likewise in the winter of her Age, and the beginning of our Spring : as if the Ruler of heauen had ordained her Coronation in our sharpest Winter, to bring vs happinesse, and vncrowned her in our happiest Spring, to leaue vs in more felicitie by her Succeder. O happy beginning, and more happy end : which notwithstanding, as naturall sonnes and subiects, let her not goe vnwept for to her graue. This euening let vs be like the Euening, that drops dewy teares on the earth : and while our hindes shut vp the sheepe in their folds, sing a Funerall song for the losse of diuine *Elizabeth*; inuocating absent Schollers to bewaile her, whom in sundry Schooles shee cherisht; and personally in either of their Vniuersities visited : let vs bid souldiers lament her, toward whom, besides many apparant signes of her exceeding loue, this is one most worth memorie; shee came amongst them mounted at *Tilburie*, being gathered into a royall Armie against the Spanish Inuasion; promising to share with them in all fortunes, if the enemy durst but shew his face aland. Let Citizens likewise shed teares for her losse, especially those of *London*, to whome she was euer a kinde Soueraigne, and bountifull neighbour.

I neede not bidde the Courtiers weepe, for they can neuer forgette the countenance of their gracious Mistresse, till they haue ingrauen in their hearts the fauour of their most Royall Maister. For vs poore Shepheards; though

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though we are not able to sute our selues in blacke, fine enough to adorne so Royall an Enterrement, yet *Thenot* quicken thy inuention, *Dryope* and *Chloris* shall beare parte; and let vs conclude our sorrow for *Eliza* in a Funerall Hymne; that shall haue power to draw from the swelling Clowdes, waters to assist our woe. The Springs, taught by the teares that breake from our eyes, already ouerflow their bounds: The Birds sit mute to heare our musicke, and our harmelesse flocke hearken to our moanes.

To this they all, as gladly as their grieve would suffer them, consented. *Collin* for his broken Pipe toooke *Cud-dyes*, who could neither sing nor play, Hee was so full of passion and sighes.

The Funerall Song betweene *Collin* and *Thenot*; *Dryope* and *Chloris*, up- on the death of the sacred Virgine

ELIZABETH.

Collin.

YE sacred *Muses* dwelling,
Where Art is euer swelling;
Your learned Fount for sake,
Helpe Funerall Songs to make:
Hang them about her Herse
That euer loued Verse:

Clio writ downe her Story,
That was the *Muses* Glory.

Dryope.

And ye soft-footed *Howers*,
Make ready *Cypresse* Bowers:

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Insteade

Englands

*Insteade of Roses sweete
(For pleasant Spring-time meete)
Strew all the pathes with Trough,
Night-shade and bitter Reugh.
Bid Flora hide her Treasure:
Say tis no time of pleasure.*

Thenot.

*And you diuineſt Graces,
Veyle all your ſacred faces
With your bright ſhining haire;
Shew euery ſigne of care:
The Hart that was your Phane,
The cruell Fates haue ſlaine:
From earth no powre can raiſe her,
Onely our Hymnes may praiſe her.*

Chloris.

*Muſes, and Howres, and Graces,
Let all the hallowed places
Which the cleere Moone did view,
Looke with a ſable hiew:
Let not the Sunne be ſcene,
But weeping for the Queene,
That Grace and Muſe did cheriſh,
O that ſuch worth ſhould periſh!*

Collin.

*So turne our verſe, and on this loſty Pine,
Each one ingraue for her ſome Funerall line:
Thus I beginne.*

Collins Epitaph.

*Eliza Maiden Mirror of this Age,
Earths true Aſtraea while ſhe liu'de and raign'de,
Is throwne by Death from her triumphant Stage,
But by that fall hath endleſſe glorie gain'de:*

And

Mourning Garment.

*And foolish death would saie if he could weepe,
For killing Her he had no power to keepe.*

Thenots Epitaph.

*Eliza rich and Royall, faire and iust:
Giues heauen her Soule, and leaues her Flesh to dust.*

Dryopes Epitaph.

*There is no beantie but it vades,
No glory but is weyld with shades:
So is Eliza Queene of Maids*

schoot to her Fate.

*Yet Death in this hath little thriue,
For thus her vertues haue atchieue,
She shall, by verse, liue still reuiue
in sight of Hate.*

Chloris Epitaph.

*Eliza that astonished her foes,
Schoot her rebellious subiects at her foes:
Whose minde was *Still the same in ioy and woes.
Whose frowne was fearfull, and her fauours sweete:
Swaid all this land, but most her selfe she swaide,
Liue a chaste Queene, and die a Royall Maide.*

* Her Royall
word or mot-
to was, Sem-
per Eadem.

These Epitaphs ended, the Nymphs and Shepherds
led by *Collin* and *Thenot*, who afore plaide heavy tunes
on their oaten Pipes, gotte to their seuerall cottages, and
spent their time till midnight, mourning for *Eliza*: But
Sleepe, the equaller of Kings and captiues, banished their
forrowes. What humor they are in after rest, you shall in
the morning heare: for commonly, as the day is, so are our
affections disposed.

The



¶ The order and proceeding at the Funerall of the Right High and Mightie Princeſſe Elizabeth Queene of England, France, and Ireland: from the Pallace of Weſtminſter called White-hall: To the Cathedrall Church of Weſtminſter: the 28. of April. 1603.

Fiſt, the Knight Marſhals men, to make way.

Fifteene poore men.

Next, the 260. poore women, by foure and foure.

Then, ſeruaunts of Gentlemen, Eſquiers, and Knights.

Two Porters.

Next, foure Trumpetors.

After them

Rose, Purſuant at Armes.

Two Sergeants at Armes.

The Standard of the Dragon, borne by Sir George Boucher.

Two Querries leading a horſe, covered in blacke cloth.

Then the meſſengers of the Chamber, foure and foure.

Children of the Almondry.

Children of the Woodyard,

Children of the Skillery.

Children and furners of the paſtry.

The Skalding houſe.

The Larder.

After them, Groomes, being

Wheate porters.

Coopers.

Wine-porters.

Conducts in the Bakehouſe.

Bel-ringer

Maker of Spice-bags.

Cart takers, choſen by the bord.

Long Cartes.

Cart takers.

Of the Almery.

Of the Stable.

Of the Woodyard.

Skillery.

Paſtrie.

Skalding houſe.

Poultrie.

Caterie.

Boyling houſe.

Larder.

Kitchin.

Laundrie.

Ewry.

Confectionary.

Wafery.

Chaundry.

Pitcherhouſe.

The Funerall.

Buttrie.
Seller.
Pantrie.
Bakehouse
Counting house.

Then Noblemens and Embassadors
seruants, and Groomes of the
chamber.

Four Trumpetters.

Blowmantle.

A Sergeant at Armes.

*The Standard of the Greyhound, borne
by M. Herbert, brother to the Earle
of Penbroke.*

Yomen of the Seruitors in the hall,
four and four.

Yomen Cart-takers.

Porters.

Almondrie.

Herbingers.

Woodyard.

Skullerie.

Pastrie.

Poultre and Scalding house.

Purueyors of the Poultry.

Purueyors of the Acatrie.

Stable.

Boyling house.

Larder.

Kitchin.

Ewrie.

Confectionarie.

Waferie.

Purueyor of the waxe.

Tallow Chandler.

Chaundrie.

Pitcher house.

Brewers.

Buttrie.

Purueyors.

Seller.

Pantrie.

Garneter.

Bakehouse.

Counting house.

Spicerie.

Chamber.

Robes.

Wardrop.

Earles and Countesses seruants.

Four Trompetors.

Portcullis.

*The Standard of the Lyon, borne by M.
Thomas Somerset.*

Two Quirries leading a horse trap-
ped with blacke veluet.

Sergeant of the Vestrie.

Children of the Chappell in surples-
ses.

Gentlemen of the Chappel in copes
all of them singing Clearks.

Deputie Clarke of the Market.

Clarks extraordinarie.

Coferer.

Diet.

M. Cooke for the household.

Pastrie.

Larder.

Skullerie.

F

Wood.

The Funerall.

Woodyard.
Poultrie
Bakehouse.
Acatrie.
Stable.

Sergeants.

Gent. Herbingers.
Wood-yard.
Scullyery.
Pastry.
Caterie.
Larder
Ewry.
Seller.
Pantrie.
Bakehouse.

Master Cooke of the Kitchin.
Clarks of the Querrie.
Second and third clarke of
the Chaundrie.
Second & third clark of the Kitchin.
Superuisors of the Dresser.
Surueyer of the dresser, for the
chamber.

Musitions.
Apoticaries and Chirurgions.
Sewers of the hall.
Marshall of the hall.
Sewers of the chamber.
Groome Porter.

Gentlemen yshers quarter waiters.
Clarke, Marshall and Auenor.
Chiefe clarke of the wardrop.
Chiefe clarke of the Kitchin.
Two clarkes controullers.
Clarkes of the greene cloth.
Maister of the household,
Sir Henrie Cocke cofferer.

Rouge Dragon.

A Segeant at Armes.

The Banner of Chester borne by the L.
Zouch betweene two Seargeants at
Armes.

Clarks of the councel, foure & four.
Clarks of the priuy Seale.
Clarks of the Signet.
Clarks of the Parliament.
Doctors of Phisicke.
The Queenes Chaplaines.
Secretaries for the Latine, Italian &
French tongues.

Rouge Crosse.

Betweene two Seargeants at armes.
The banner of Cornwall borne by the L.
Herbert Sonne and heire to the Earle
of Worcester.

Officers to the Maior of London.
Aldermen of London,
Solliciter, Atturney, and Sergeant at
Lawe.
Maister of Reuels, & M. of the tents.
Knights Bachelors.
Lord chiefe Baron, and Lord chiefe
Iustice of the common pleas.
Maister of the Iewell house.
Knights which haue been Embassa-
dors and Gentlemen Agents,
Sewers for the Queene.
Sewers for the bodie.
Esquiers of the bodie.
Gentlemen of the priuie chamber
Gentlemen Pensioners houlding
their Pol-axes heads down wards
couered with blacke.

The

The Funerall.

The Banner of VVales, borne by the
Viscount Bindon.

Maister of the Requests.

Agents for Venice, and the Estates.

Lord Maior of London.

Sir John Popham, Sir John Fortescue.

Sir Robert Cicell principall Secretary.

Controller & Treasurer of household

Windsor.

Banner of Ireland borne by the Earle
of Clanricard.

Barons.

Bishops.

Earles eldest sonnes.

Viscounts.

Dukes second sons.

Earles.

Marqueses.

Bishop of Chichester, Almoner,

Preacher at the funeral.

Lord Keeper & Archbishop of Cant.

The French Embassador.

Foure Sergeants of Armes.

The great Embroidered banner of England

borne by the Earle of Penbroke,

and the Lord Haward of Effingham.

Some: set and Richmond.

York, Helme and Crest.

Chester, Target.

Nor: ey, king at Armes, Sword.

Clarenceaux king at Armes, Coat.

The liuely picture of her Highnesse
whole body, crowned in her Par-
liament Robes, with her Scepter

in her hand, lying on the corps,
balméd and leaded, couered with
Purple veluet, borne in a chari-
ot, drawne by foure horses trapt
in blacke veluet.

Gentlemen Vthers: white rods.

About it twelue Banner-Rols, six on

each side, caried by 12. noblemen.

Sixe Earles assistants with them
the Footemen.

A Canapie borne ouer the chariot
by foure Noblemen.

The Earle of Worcester, Maister of
the Horse, leading the Palfrey of
Honour.

Two Esquiers and a Groome to at-
tend and leade him away.

Gentlemen Vthers of the Priuie
chamber.

Garter, king of Armes.

Lady Marchionesse of Northampton,

assisted by the Lord Treasurer &

Lord Admirall.

Chiefe Mourner, her traine caried
by two Countesses, and Maister
Vicechamberlaine.

Fourteene Countesses assistants.

Ladies of Honour

Countesses

Viscountesses.

Earles daughters.

Baronesses.

Maids of Honor of the priuie cham-
ber.

Captaine of the Guard, with all the
Guard following, five and five in
a ranke, their holberds downe-
ward.

The Funerall.

The twelue Bannerols were caried by twelue
Barons, beginning at the yongest first.

The first Banner, was of king *Henry* the second, and *Elenor* of
Aquitaine, caried by the Lord *Norris*.

The second, of king *John*, and *Isabel* of Angolisme, caried by
the Lord *Compton*.

The third, of king *Henry* the third, and *Elenor* of Arragon,
caried by the Lord *Chandoies*.

The fourth, of king *Edward* the first, and *Elenor* of Castile;
caried by the L.

The fift of *Edward* the second, and *Isabel* of France, caried
by the Lord *Darcie* of the South.

The sixt, of king *Edward* the third, and *Philippa* of Haynolt,
caried by the L. *Cromwel*.

The seuenth, of *Edmond Langley* Duke of Yorke, and *Isabel*
of Castile, caried by the L. *Windsor*.

The eight, of *Richard* Earle of Cambridge, and *Anne Mor-*
timer, caried by the L. *Darcie* of the North.

The ninth, of *Richard* Duke of Yorke, and *Cicely Neuill* ca-
ried by the Lord *Dudley*.

The tenth of king *Edward* the fourth, & *Elizabeth Woodnile*,
caried by the Lord *Gray*.

The eleuenth, of king *Henry* the seuenth, and *Elizabeth*
daughter to king *Edward* the fourth: caried by the Lord
Cobham.

The twelfth, of *Henry* the eight and *Anne Bulline*, father
and mother to our late decessed Queene: caried by the
Lord *de la Ware*.

*The Shepheards Spring-Song, in gratulation of
the royall, happy, and flourishing entrance to the
Maieslie of England, by the most potent and
prudent Soueraigne James King of Eng-
land, Scotland, France, and Ireland.*

Collin. **T**Henot and *Chloris*, red lipt *Driepe*, (fielde
Shepheards, Nymphs Swaines, all that delight in
Liuing by harmeleffe thrift your fat heards yeelde
Why slacke yee now your loued company?
Vp sluggards, learne, the larkes doe mount and sing.
Their cheerefull Carrolls, to salute our King.
The Maui blacke-bird, and the little Wren,
The Nitingale vpon the hawthorne brire,
And all the wingd Musitions in a Quire,
Do with their notes rebuke dull lazie men.
Vp shepheards, vp; your slouth breeds al your shames
You sleepe like beasts, while birds salute K. *James*.
The gray eyde morning with a blustering cheeke,
Like Englands, Royall Rose mixt red and white,
Summons all eies to pleasure and delight:
Behold the euenings deaws doe vpward reeke,
Drawn by the Sun, which now doth gild the skie,
With his light-giuing and world-cheering eie.
O thats well done; I see your cause of stay,
Was to adorne your tempels with fresh flowers:
And gather beautie to bedecke your powers;
That they may seeme the cabinets of May:
Honor this time, Sweetest of all sweete Springs.
That so much good so many pleasures brings.
For now alone the liuery of the earth
Giues not liue comfort to your bleating lambes,
Nor fills the strouting vdders of their dams;
It yeeldes another cause of gleeesome mirth,
This ground weares all her best embroidery,
To entertaine our Soueraignes Maieslie.

And

The Shepheards

And well she may, for neuer English ground
Bore such a Soueraigne as this royall Lord :
Looke vpon all Antiquities Record;
In no Inrolment such a King is found.

Beginne with *Brute*, (if that of *Brute* be true)

As I le not doubt, but giue old Bards their due.
He was a Prince vnsetled, sought a shore,
To rest his long toft Trojan scattered race :
And (as tis sed) found here a resting place :
Grant this : but yeeld he did false gods adore.

The Nations were not cald to Christ that time,
Black Pagan clouds darkned this goodly clime.
So, when dissension brought the Romans in,
No *Cesar* till the godly *Constantine*,
(Descended truly from the Brittish line)
Purg'd this Iles aire from Idoll-hated sinne;
Yet in care of Rome left Deputies :

Our *Iames* maintaines (himselfe) his dignities,
The Saxon, & the Dane, scourgd with sharp steele,
(So did the Norman Duke) this beauteous land,
Inuading Lords, raigne with anyron hand :
A gentler ruling in this change we feele,

Our Lyon comes as meekly as a doue,
Not conqu'ring vs vs by hurt, but hartie loue,
Euen as a calme to tempest-tossed men,
As bread to the faint soule with famine vex;
As a coole spring to those with heate perplex,
As the Sunnes light into a fearefull denne,
So comes our King : euen in a time of need,
To saue, to shine, to comfort, and to feed.

O Shepheards, sing his welcome with sweet notes,
Nymphs, strew his way with Roses red and white,
Provide all pastimes that may sense delight,
Offer the fleeces of your flockes white cotes:

He

Spring-song.

He that now spares, doth in that sauing spill;
Where Worth is little, Vertue likes good will.
Now from the *Orchades* to the *Cornish* Iles,
From thence to *Cambria*, and the *Hiberian* shore,
The sound of ciuill warre is heard no more,
Each countenance is garnished with smiles,
All in one hymne with sweet contentment sing,
The praise and power of *Iames* our onely King.
Our only King: one Lord, one Soueraigne;
O long-desired, and perfected good!
By him the heate of wrath, and boiling bloud
Is mildly quencht; pale Enuy counted vaine.
One King, one people: blessed vnitie!
That ties such mighty Nations to agree.
Shepheards, Ile not be tedious in my song;
For that I see you bent to actiue sport;
Though I perswade me all time is too short
To welcome him, whom we haue wisht for long.
Well done, dance on; looke how your little lambs,
Skip as you spring, about their fleecie dams.
Thus were ye wont to trip about the Greene,
And dance in ringlets, like to Fairie Elues,
Striuing in cunning to exceede your selues,
In honour of your late-falne summer Queene:
But now exceede; this May excels all springs,
Which King and Queene, and Prince and Princeesse brings.
Shewt ioyfully, ye Nymphs and rurall Swaines,
Your maister *Pan* will now protect your folds,
Your cottages will be as safe as Holds,
Feare neither Wolues, nor subtrill Foxes traines,
A royall king will of your weale take keepe,
Heele be your Shepheard, you shall be his sheepe.
He comes in pompe; so should a king appeare,
Gods Deputie should set the world at gaze,

Yet

Spring-song.

Yet his milde lookes driue vs from all amaze,
Clap hands for ioy, our Soueraigne draweth neere,
Sing *To, To*, shepheards dance and sing,
Expresse all ioy, in welcoming our King.
The aire, the season, and the earth accord
In Pleasure, Order, both for sight and sense:
All things looke fresh to greet his excellence,
And *Collin* humbly thus salutes his Lord:
Dread and beloud, liue *Englands* happy King,
While seasons last Fresh as the liuely Spring.

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